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## PGI 246—Quality Assurance

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### PGI 246.1—GENERAL

#### PGI 246.103 Contracting office responsibilities.

(2)(i) In preparing instructions for Government inspections, the technical activity shall consider, as applicable—

(A) The past quality history of the contractor;

(B) The criticality of the material procured in relation to its intended use, considering factors such as—

(1) Reliability;

(2) Safety;

(3) Interchangeability; and

(4) Maintainability;

(C) Problems encountered in the development of the material;

(D) Problems encountered in other procurements of the same or similar material;

(E) Available feedback data from contract administration, receiving, testing, or using activities; and

(F) The experience of other contractors in overcoming manufacturing problems.

(ii) The instructions shall—

(A) Be kept to a minimum;

(B) Ensure that the activities requested are in direct relation to contract quality requirements to serve as objective evidence of quality conformance; and

(C) Be prepared on a contract-by-contract basis.

(iii) The instructions shall not—

(A) Serve as a substitute for incomplete contract quality requirements;

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- (B) Impose greater inspection requirements than are in the contract;
  - (C) Use broad or general designations such as—
    - (1) All requirements;
    - (2) All characteristics; or
    - (3) All characteristics in the classification of defects;
  - (D) Be used for routine administrative procedures; or
  - (E) Specify continued inspection requirements when statistically sound sampling will provide an adequate degree of protection.
- (iv) After issuing the instructions, the technical activity must—
- (A) Provide the contract administration office with available information regarding those factors that resulted in the requirement for Government inspection;
  - (B) Periodically analyze the need to continue, change, or discontinue the instructions; and
  - (C) Advise the contract administration office of the results of the periodic analyses.